

18 RECEIVING BLOOD WITH A PATIENT TRANSFER

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18.1 Procedure for receiving blood with a patient transfer
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18.1 PROCEDURE

Occasionally, blood and blood products arrive with a patient transferred from another hospital.

In a life-threatening emergency, these products may be used for the **immediate** management of that patient until the safety of the transferred blood is assessed by Blood Bank.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

Contact the Blood Bank Scientist to advise them of the arrival of the blood. Provide the following information:

- Patient Name and UMRN
- Receiving Location
- Number of Units
- Packing conditions (e.g. ARCBS box, number of cool packs etc.)
- Arrival time
- Sender's location

The Blood Bank scientist will assess the transport conditions of the blood and provide appropriate advice.

It is important to send a Group and Hold and/or crossmatch request immediately. This ensures the rapid provision of further blood should it be necessary.

WARNING: Blood that has not been transported correctly in licensed ARCBS blood boxes has an increased risk of haemolysis and bacterial proliferation and is dangerous to use.

Laboratory Contact Numbers

KEMH	Blood Bank Extension 2748
OUT OF HOURS	Shift Scientist Telephone 2751 or pager 3254